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TAGS: PEPR, MX, BR  
SUBJECT: PRESIDENT GEISEL'S VISIT TO MEXICO.

1. SUMMARY: DURING JANUARY 26 COURTESY CALL ON BRAZILIAN  
AMBASSADOR LAURO ESCOREL DE MORAES, AMBASSADOR REVIEWED  
OUTCOME OF VISIT TO MEXICO BY PRESIDENT GEISEL. ESCOREL  
STRESSED VISIT IS STEP TOWARDS BUILDING CLOSER RELATIONS  
BETWEEN MEXICO AND BRAZIL, AND SHOULD NOT BE EVALUATED ON  
BASIS OF ABSENCE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMMERCIAL AGREEMENTS.  
ONE AGREEMENT THAT COULD CAUSE PROBLEM FOR US DEALS WITH  
EXPORT OF CATTLE SEMEN FROM BRAZIL TO MEXICO, WITH RESUL-  
TANT POSSIBILITY FOR SPREAD OF HOOF AND MOUTH DISEASE.  
END SUMMARY.

2. AMBASSADOR ESCOREL SAID THAT BRAZIL ATTACHES POLITICAL  
SIGNIFICANCE TO THE FACT THAT THE INVITATION WAS INITIATED  
BY PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO. WHILE BRAZIL HAD HOPED TO  
CONCLUDE TRADE AGREEMENTS FOR MEXICAN OIL AND BRAZILIAN  
IRON ORE, THEY WERE STYMIED OVER MATTERS OF PRICE AND  
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TRANSPORTATION. AMBASSADOR ESCOREL NOTED THAT BRAZIL BUYS  
MOST OF ITS OIL FROM SAUDIA ARABIA AT \$12.40 (DOLLARS) A  
BARREL, WHILE MEXICO IS ASKING \$13.40. HE ALSO LAMENTED  
THAT MEXICO'S HARBORS ARE NOT ADEQUATE AT PRESENT TO  
HANDLE THE SUPERTANKERS BRAZIL IS BUILDING.

3. MEXICO AND BRAZIL SIGNED THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENTS:

A JOINT PRESIDENTIAL DECLARATION, FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION, INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION, MESWALURGICAL COOPERATION AND ANIMAL HEALTH. THE LATTER PROVIDES FOR THE EXPORT OF BRAZILIAN CATTLE SEMEN TO MEXICO, WHICH RAISES SOME CONCERN OVER THE POSSIBLE SPREAD OF HOOF AND MOUTH DISEASE. AMBASSADOR ESCOREL INSISTED THAT ONLY HEALTHY CATTLE WOULD BE CHOSEN AS DONORS. THE PRESIDENTIAL DECLARATION EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR PROTECTIONIST MEASURES BY INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES THAT AFFECT DEVELOPING NATIONS. CALLED FOR FAVORABLE TREATMENT OF DEVELOPING NATIONS BY INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS, SUPPORTED THE USE OF ATOMIC ENERGY FOR COMMODITIES AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS OF DEVELOPING NATIONS, SUPPORTED THE USE OF ATOMIC ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES UNDER INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS, AND SUPPORTED A MECHANISM TO STABILIZE COFFEE PRICES. SPANISH LANGUAGE COPIES OF THE DECLARATIONS AND AGREEMENTS BEING POUCHED ARA, BRAZIL COUNTRY DIRECTORATE. LUCEY

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